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### **Proposed Brooks Lake Maintenance Facilities Environmental Assessment Available & Open for Public Comment**

The National Park Service (NPS) is proposing to:

- Relocate and replace maintenance facilities (shops, fueling, generators) from the Brooks Lake area to a new site off of the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes Road. The existing maintenance structures would be demolished or converted to other NPS uses.
- Construct two employee housing duplex units near the new maintenance facility site. Existing housing units (four tent structures) in the Brooks Camp area would be demolished and the sites rehabilitated to a natural condition.
- Develop a conceptual design for future employee housing and other administrative structures near the new maintenance facility site. This project element is for concept planning only and not for construction. Maintenance and utility structures, laundry facilities, and concessioner maintenance facilities are examples of administrative structures in the area.

These projects are identified in the park's Development Concept Plan (DCP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Brooks River Area (1996) and the General Management Plan, Wilderness Suitability Review, and Land Protection Plan (GMP) (1986). This Environmental Assessment (EA) implements direction from the DCP/EIS, and provides adequate project detail for construction of the maintenance facility and the duplexes. It also provides a refined concept for the employee housing area and other administrative structures. If approved and funded, project site clearing is expected to begin in 2007, with site preparation and construction beginning in 2008 and continuing through 2010.

Public comments are requested on the EA [through July 15, 2007](#). To comment, please visit <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>, or write to the address above. If you have questions, please contact Helen Lons, Katmai Chief of Planning and Compliance, at (907) 246-2145 or email her at [Helen\\_Lons@nps.gov](mailto:Helen_Lons@nps.gov).

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